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Noli, Loren, Chiz top 'presidentiable' poll
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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS



WHAT RICE CRISIS! President Arroyo and agriculture officials admit the spike in the price of rice but in the same breath deny a shortage of the Filipinos' staple food. On the other side are the militants, farmers and retailers who say a rice crisis looms. While this back and forth has been going on the past week, the farmers of Libon town in Albay have been harvesting their palay even after heavy rains had flooded their ricefields.

High court upholds Neri

Cites 5 reasons for blocking Senate's arrest, contempt order

By Leila B. Salaverria

SAYING THE ISSUES CONcerned could endanger the country's diplomatic relations, a divided Supreme Court yesterday blocked the Senate from arresting and forcing Romulo Neri to answer questions on the President's involvement in the government's controversial National Broadband Network (NBN) deal with China.

Voting 9-6, the high court ruled that the Senate committed "grave abuse of discretion" in issuing a contempt cita-

HIGH COURT / A18



ON THE THRESHOLD OF THE TRUTH The Inquirer photographer snapped this photo of CHEd Secretary Romulo Neri while he was waiting for his car at the entrance to Malacañang after the "unity walk" with President Arroyo and the rest of her Cabinet last month. At the walk, Neri was right up there beside Ms Arroyo. The walk was presumably done to counter the explosive disclosures of NBN-ZTE witness Rodolfo Lozada at the Senate and to indicate the Arroyo administration's solid front. [illegible]

Now, it's shortage of corn in Cebu

By Jhunnex Napallacan, *Inquirer Visayas*
Christine O. Avendaño and Amy R. Remo

DESPITE MALACAÑANG'S ASsurance that the country has enough rice, a shortage not only of the cereal but also of corn is gripping Cebu province, according to a group of grain retailers. Cebuanos consider corn their staple.

"We ran short of our rice supply," said Teresa Alegado, national president of the Grain Retailers Confederation of the

NOW / A20

'It is a cover-up of crime in guise of executive privilege'

By Inquirer staff

SENATORS WERE UP IN ARMS OVER the Supreme Court ruling yesterday which Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. said allowed "the cover-up of a crime in the guise of executive privilege" and eroded the legislature's investigative powers.

Majority Leader Francis Pangilinan said he would not let the high tribunal

SENATORS / A18

DISSENTING OPINION

Puno: 3 questions pertinent to NBN probe

By Leila B. Salaverria

CHIEF JUSTICE REYNATO PUNO YESterday said that Senate questions on President Macapagal-Arroyo's actions in connection with alleged irregularities in the scuttled $329-million National Broadband Network (NBN) deal were not covered by executive privilege.

In his 120-page dissenting opinion, Puno said the Senate had validly cited Romulo Neri, former director general of the National Economic and Development Authority, in contempt for refusing to answer three questions on the project with China's ZTE Corp.

The questions were whether Ms Arroyo had followed up on the NBN project after she was told of a bribe offer, whether Neri was directed to give it priority and whether she had ordered him to approve the deal after she was told about the bribery.

Puno also said it was "self-evident"

PUNO / A18

S'pore rejects RP bid to get Marcos' $25M

SINGAPORE'S HIGHEST COURT on Monday rejected the Philippine government's appeal for the transfer of $25 million in assets allegedly belonging to the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos.

The Court of Appeal affirmed an earlier ruling by a Singapore High Court judge who said the Philippine government must prove that it owns the bank deposits in the face of competing claims by other parties.

S'PORE / A17

Ailing Cory seen as setback to protest movement

ACKNOWLEDGING CORAZON AQUINO as a potent rallying figure, opposition senators yesterday said the former President's need to rest and recover from colon cancer would be a setback to the protest movement.

"The ailment of Cory Aquino will cause the protest movement to limp like a person still mobile but hobbled by a pinched nerve," said Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr., a close friend of Aquino's and her family and, as interior secretary, an original member of her Cabinet.

"The mobilization of people may become more difficult," Pimentel said, but added: "Nobody is indispensable."

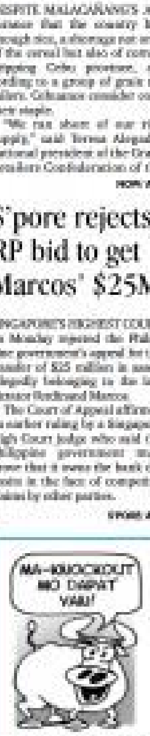
Sen. Francis Escudero voiced a similar view, saying Aquino's "physical presence" would be sorely missed in the protest rallies against the Arroyo administration.

But he said that whether she was present or absent, she would remain a symbol of struggle and of the fight for good governance.

Escudero said it was time for "nameless and faceless" protesters to take the lead in the protest movement.

He said the emergence of multiple leaders would make the opposition

AILING CORY / A19



Manny to fight illegal loggers in Mindanao

By Beverly T. Natividad, DJ Yap and Tina G. Santos

FROM FIGHTING MEXIcans in the boxing ring to combating illegal loggers in Mindanao.

This is the new role Manny Pacquiao has taken

MANNY / A19

Chito Madrigal's death marks passing of an era

By Thelma Sioson-San Juan
Lifestyle Editor

A FRIEND LOVES TO RECOUNT A famous line—one of many—by Chito Madrigal-Collantes. Asked how old she was—and there are those who are wont to ask a woman her age—she said nonchalantly, "The freedom of age."

Such was the woman's wit, spunk,

CHITO MADRIGAL / A17



MADRIGAL

Esperon admits RP lacks firepower to defend Kalayaan, pins hopes on UN

By Redempto D. Anda
Inquirer Southern Luzon

PAG-ASA ISLAND—THE PHILIPpines may lack the capability to defend its territorial claim over the Kalayaan Island Group in the disputed Spratlys, but it can bank on the support of the United Nations.

This was the assurance made by Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Hermogenes Esperon to the contingent of soldiers guarding Pag-Asa, the seat of the municipal government of Kalayaan and the largest of the remote island group.

"We don't have enough firepower to last a single day in battle. But this won't happen now because the United Nations will not allow it," Esperon told the soldiers, their faces sun-baked, on Monday.

To illustrate the Philippines' lack of capability to assert control over its claimed territory, Esperon recalled Vietnam's invasion of Lawak Island, internationally known as Southwest Cay, in the early 1970s after Filipino soldiers temporarily left it unguarded.

"I remember the case of Lawak Island. When the sea level rose at high tide, we decided to temporarily vacate it and move to another place. Then somebody else took control of it and we couldn't come back any-

ESPERON / A20

WEATHER FORECAST

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Noli is top bet for 2010 polls

Pulse Asia survey also lists Loren, Chiz

VICE PRESIDENT NOLI DE CASTRO WAS THE top choice as President of about one in every five Filipinos (21.5 percent) if elections had been held last month, two years ahead of the 2010 elections, according to a Pulse Asia survey.

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Leading choice

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DE CASTRO



LEGARDA

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Inspiration

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Ulat ng Bayan

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WHAT'S INSIDE

No quarrel between service academies, says PNP

By Alcuin Papa

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Corrections

IN THE MARCH 15 ISSUE, the front-page banner story—"Pinoy 30% join Pacquiao frenzy"—misstated that Sen. Jinggoy Estrada went to Las Vegas to watch the Pacquiao-Marquez boxing match. Estrada did not leave the country; he watched the fight at home.

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IN THE MARCH 17 ISSUE, a Lifestyle article on Page E1 ... inadvertently omitted the information that the former Vice President's biography ... is not for sale. The book ... is given to donors of the ... Foundation.

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IN THE MARCH 18 ISSUE, a Sports article on Page A21 ... misstated the name of Manny Pacquiao's opponent in the March 15 boxing match. Pacquiao fought Juan Manuel Marquez—not Marco Antonio Barrera.

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IN THE MARCH 24 ISSUE, a blurb on Page C1 and a story and caption on Page C4 of the Lifestyle section ... misspelled the name of the son of pianist Cecile Licad. Her son is ...

The Daily Gospel

Wednesday, March 26, 2008

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Did you know...



...That the Philippines has one of the largest mangrove plantations in Asia? This is located in Banacon, Bohol.

27 days to go before Earth Day

Include 5-year-olds in preschool program, GMA orders DepEd

By Jerry E. Esplanada

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo has directed the Department of Education to include 5-year-old children in day-care centers run by the Department of Social Welfare and Development in DepEd's preschool program starting this year.

Under Executive Order [illegible], the government has allocated a little over P[illegible] million for the first six months for the "day-care support program."

Of this amount, P[illegible] million was set aside for the special training of day-care workers and the provision of books and other instructional materials.

Education Secretary Jesli A. Lapus noted that "while management of day-care centers still remains with the DSWD, the DepEd is ready to take on this overwhelming task."

The DepEd "shall provide existing day-care center workers with teaching training on the preschool curriculum and the competencies for preschool education together with the necessary instructional materials," said Lapus.

DepEd's special preschool program is mandated by Republic Act [illegible], which states that "the government shall institutionalize an integrated system of early childhood care and development that will serve all children aged 5 years and below," according to Lapus.

"The department is determined to enforce universal preschool education simply because it is not yet part of the 10-year basic education ladder. In this manner, we can compel parents to send their 5-year-old children to schools," said Lapus.

He emphasized that the preschool education program for 5-year-olds was "in support of the government's objective of providing quality early childhood education for these children, where a standard curriculum developed by DepEd is recommended to private preschools and even to day-care centers."

The need to prepare 5-year-olds for formal instruction is a serious concern of DepEd, said Lapus.

THE PHILIPPINE SOCIETY OF ENDOCRINOLOGY AND METABOLISM

MESSAGES

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1st PSEM CONGRESS ON PREDIABETES AND THE METABOLIC SYNDROME

Theme: Clinical Implications of Prediabetes and the Metabolic Syndrome

March 26, 2008

Edsa Shangri-La Hotel, Mandaluyong City

PROGRAM

0700 - 0800 Registration
0800 - 0830 Opening
Invocation: Leilani Mercado-Asis, MD, PhD
Treasurer, PSEM
National Anthem
PSEM Hymn
Opening Remarks: Josephine Carlos-Raboca, MD
President, PSEM
0830 - 0915 Plenary Lecture 1
Topic: Prediabetes and the Metabolic Syndrome: Definitions and Clinical Implications
Chair: Lorna R. Abad, MD
Speaker: Ruby T. Go, MD
0915 - 1000 Plenary Lecture 2
Topic: Physiologic Abnormalities Associated With the Metabolic Syndrome
Chair: Artur M. Asequia, MD
Speaker: Tim Davis, MD
1000 - 1030 Coffee Break / Visit the Exhibits
1030 - 1215 Symposium 1
Topic: Obesity, Metabolic Syndrome and Cardiovascular Disease
Chair: Marina Mendoza-Fuentes, MD
1030 - 1100 Mechanisms Linking Obesity to Cardiovascular Disease
Speaker: Maria Rosario Araneta, MD
1100 - 1130 Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease with Glucometabolic Interventions
Speaker: Rosa Allyn G. Sy, MD
1130 - 1200 Obesity, Metabolic Syndrome and Stroke
Speaker: Jose Navarro, MD
1200 - 1215 Open Forum
1215 - 1400 Lunch Symposia
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1400 - 1540 Symposium 2
Topic: Insulin Resistance and the Liver
Chair: Ma. Cecilia Monsanto-Cruz, MD
1400 - 1430 NAFLD: Update on Pathogenesis
Speaker: Cynthia Ruth Barcelon, MD, PhD
1430 - 1500 Diagnosis of NAFLD: Is Biopsy Necessary?
Speaker: Eternity D. Labio, MD
1500 - 1530 Present and Emerging Therapy for NAFLD
Speaker: Nemencio A. Nicodemus, Jr., MD
1530 - 1545 Open Forum
1545 - 1600 Coffee Break
1600 - 1700 Symposium 3
Topic: Other Manifestations of the Metabolic Syndrome
Chair: Ma. C. Tiglao, MD
1600 - 1630 PCOS: Prediabetes in Women
Speaker: Elizabeth Paz-Pacheco, MD
1630 - 1700 The Metabolic Syndrome and the Brain
Speaker: [illegible], MD
1700 - 1730 The Metabolic Syndrome and Sleep Apnea
Speaker: Ruth Divinagracia, MD
1730 - 1745 Open Forum
1745 - 1830 Plenary Lecture 3
Topic: Treating the Metabolic Syndrome and Cardiovascular Risk from Childhood to Adulthood
Chair: Heronita A. Ramos, MD
Speaker: Harold Lebovitz, MD
1830 Closing Remarks: Laura Trajano-Acampado, MD, Vice-President, PSEM and Chair, Scientific Committee
1900 - 2100 PRE-CONVENTION DINNER SYMPOSIUM - [illegible]
Topic: Advancing Diabetes Treatment Through [illegible]

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Pinoy pilgrims warned against 'House of Prayer'

No consent

'Kodakan' for UP alumni extended

COMELEC TURNOVER

‘John the Baptist’ gives way to ‘Napoleon’

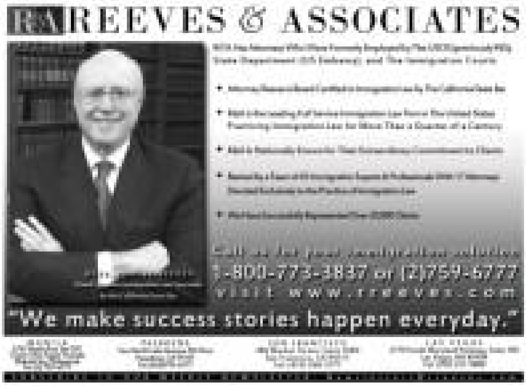


RP’s worst public schools get attention of DepEd



LAPUS

Low mastery level







Court affirms P2-M award to woman pilot fired by PAL

By Leila B. Salaverria

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GMA orders transparency at Customs



PRESIDENT ARROYO and members of her Cabinet bow their heads in prayer before yesterday's Cabinet meeting.

Probe sought of Customs deal

Mawanay haunts Ping, is rebuffed

Power outage disrupts domestic airport

Sparks fly at Ombudsman ZTE probe

Migrante seeks justice for Pinay, son killed in Japan

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OPINION

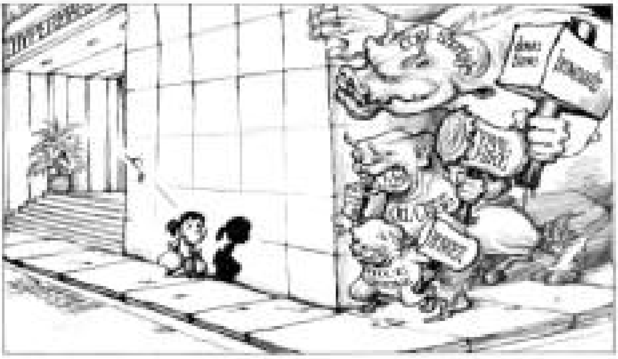
Call of duty

EDITORIAL

YESTERDAY FORMER JUSTICE JOSE MELO WAS sworn in as chairman of the Commission on Elections. [illegible]

And yet, Melo has had to forgo confirmation. [illegible]

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Gov't selling Veterans Memorial Hospital

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

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Study in contrast

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

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New face of hunger

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Amando Doronila

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Historical dictionaries

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Ambeth R. Ocampo

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LETTERS

Cheap politicians exposed by San Miguel



Sounds like Bunye, Fajardo and Golez

Sickening injustice for aggrieved pauper

Truth can be found in documentary evidence

Dear Bishops: Hello and goodbye

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Asuncion David Maramba

Chito Madrigal's death marks passing of an era

Touching lives

A trailblazer

Like no other woman

A love story

Simple, time-honored rules

S'pore rejects RP bid to get Marcos' $25M

Remains of $100M

What Went Before

Multiple claimants



High court upholds Neri; cites five reasons



Executive agreements

3 questions

Ouster moves

No need to state reasons

Neri appearance

Compromise solution

'It is a cover-up of crime in guise of executive privilege'

Unprecedented

Historical blot

Act of connivance

Lack of delicadeza

Puno: Self-evident the 3 questions pertinent to NBN probe



PUNO: Claim executive privilege not supported by specific proof

Seriously impaired

Beyond court's purview

'Chilling effect'

Collision to be avoided

Kris suffers miscarriage; to spend more time with mom

God's way

Why does it have to be Cory?

Shocked

Hoping for miracle

Thinking about her

Ailing Cory seen as setback to protest movement

Losada

GMA pays homage to Cory, calls for continuing prayers

Noli, too

Courage

Prayers from senators

Long life

Uniting force

Manny to fight illegal loggers in Mindanao

Warning

Different style

'Idol, idol!'

Proud Pinoy

'The thorn of Mexico'

Now, it's shortage of corn in Cebu on top of rice





Esperon admits RP lacks firepower to defend Kalayaan



Stop Vizcaya mining, bishop asks GMA

DUPAX DEL NORTE, NUEVA VIZCAYA—A CATHOLIC BISHOP HAS called on President Macapagal-Arroyo to order the suspension of operations of an Australian mining project, following alleged violations of human rights it has committed against indigenous peoples in the province.

'Atrocious'

'Exaggerated'

Guimaras experience

'Not intrusive'

Cops keep watch on reports of plot to free Nur



BUDDIES

N. Ecija crime rate drops 40 percent

By Anselmo Roque

Women live 5 yrs more than men in E. Visayas

By Joey A. Gabieta

Board members buy SUVs with gov't money

By Carla P. Gomez

NEWSBRIEFS

COTABATO CITY

Australia gives P75M for Mindanao women

TAGUM CITY

Cop on surveillance mission shot dead

PANGLAO, BOHOL

Ex-mayor tagged in rape, murder

BACOLOD CITY

Comelec disqualifies barangay chair

DAVAO CITY

Veteran journalist dies

INQUIRER Northern Luzon

'Sisters Plus' aids Angeles sex workers



FIELDS Avenue in Angeles City, the R&R destination of American servicemen during the operation of the former Clark Air Base, still hosts an array of girlie bars and clubs that cater to local and foreign guests.

APPLE STRODE IN A BLOUSE printed with Disney cartoon characters. Angel came like she was ready for a volleyball match, while Naomi looked every bit a fashion model bound for the ramp.

Coming out

Tough work

In their reinvented lives, Angel, Apple and Naomi help as counselors and peer educators to sex workers

'Most at risk'

Mercy



NEWS

Abu Sayyaf into drugs, says antidrugs board

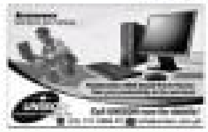
Reuters

METRO





Aplus METRO
Editor: Rosar G. Dipasupil



Standoff continues at Rodriguez town

Suspended mayor won't budge; DILG help sought

By Kristine L. Alave

INSTEAD OF THE USUAL OFFICE BUZZ, SILENCE reigned inside the town hall of Rodriguez in Rizal province yesterday as operations in the building ground to a halt for the second day in a row due to the continued standoff between warring town officials and their supporters.

Scores of policemen stood guard on the first floor of the town hall as supporters of suspended Mayor Pedro Cuerpo remained camped outside the building.

Cuerpo and his councilors were holed up on the second floor, while the acting town mayor, Jonas Cruz, held office in his house.

Police said Cuerpo and his 300 supporters forced their way inside the town hall on Monday morning by overwhelming the few policemen on guard. A scuffle between Cuerpo and his supporters, and the police and local employees on the other hand, later led to a shooting incident, leaving two employees wounded. Two of Cuerpo's bodyguards were arrested.

Cruz vowed to open the town hall today and pursue charges against those involved in the what he called a "takeover" of the building.



A POLICEMAN walks past the closed entrance to the Rodriguez town hall in Rizal province where Mayor Pedro Cuerpo barricaded himself with several councilors for the second day in a row to protest his suspension.

He added that he is in talks with officials from the Department of Interior and Local Government to evict Cuerpo out of the building.

Cuerpo, on the other hand, vowed not to leave the Office of the Mayor, where he has been camping out since Monday.

He said he has petitioned the Office of the President to let him stay as mayor while he is appealing his suspension and added that he would not step out of the building until the issue is resolved.

Supt. Edgardo de Leon, the

STANDOFF/A16

Ex-Isafp agent out on bail for bigamy case

By Marlon Ramos

ARMY WITNESS AND FORMER military intelligence agent Vidal Doble on Monday posted bail for his temporary freedom after a Quezon City Regional Trial Court judge ordered his arrest on a bigamy charge filed by his estranged wife against him, a court official said yesterday.

QCRTC Branch 106 Judge Rosa Samson Tatad issued the arrest warrant against Doble, a former agent of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (Isafp), last March 5 based on the recommendation of Assistant City Prosecutor Ronald Toribio.

Court staff Marly Albano said Doble "voluntarily surrendered" to the court and paid the P24,000 bail as recommended by Toribio.

Albano said Doble arrived at their office at around 1 p.m. without a lawyer. He was accompanied only by two other men.

"Doble only signed the receipt of his warrant. He briefly stayed, paid the bail bond and just waited for his companions outside our office," Albano told the Inquirer.

EX-ISAFP/A16



'Man's photo may provide clue to Comelec killings'

By Tina G. Santos

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Ex-Isafp agent ...

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DID YOU KNOW

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Manila club manager faces deportation

Standoff ...

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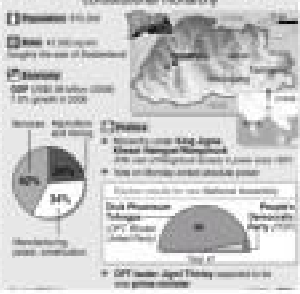
Former councilor denies report

Bhutan: World's newest democracy

AFP

The Kingdom of Bhutan

First democratic parliament elected Monday, transforming the small Buddhist kingdom into a constitutional monarchy



Indonesian jetliner crash blamed on pilot error

AP

Cuba moves to decentralize agriculture sector

Reuters

WorldBriefs

Austrian hostages deadline extended

AP

7 mine clearing Afghan staff shot dead

AP

Comoros takes control of rebel island

Reuters

4 dead in Iraq clashes

AP

Wildfire hits Greek island

AP

US engineer gets 24 years for leaking data to China

AFP

The WORLD

Riots rage in China; 140 dead in unrest



BEIJING—PRO-INDEPENDENCE PROTESTS raged Monday in Tibetan-populated areas of China with at least one policeman killed and several more wounded in a riot in Sichuan province.





Musharraf swears in new PM

4,000 US troops in Iraq didn't die in vain —Bush



DANA Dillworth, 24, of Brisbane, Calif. holds a sign reading "4,000 Dead" during a demonstration at Civic Center Plaza in San Francisco on March 24.



Bush

Clinton embarrassed over Bosnia gunfire claim

Baptism of Islamic critic scored



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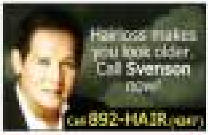
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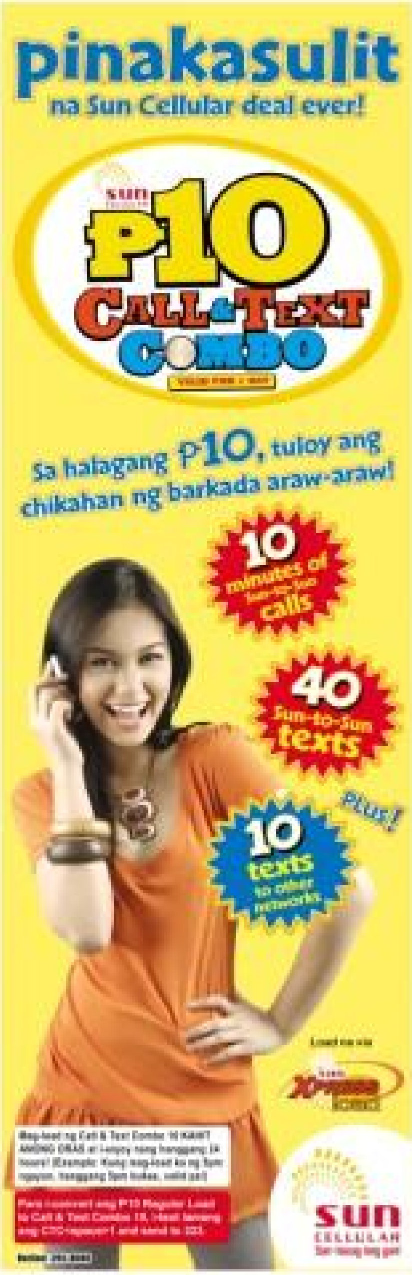


SPORTS



Red-hot Harbour whips Hapee





Arum: Pacquiao deserves $8M

By Roy Luarca



Strong British Open bids by Que, Lascuña



Total revamp of amateur boxing program urged

St. Benilde, Perpetual tossers hot



Ex-RP coach adds to woes of Harbour's Seaba squad

Koreans blank RP lady booters

Setting the record straight

BARE EYE

Sportswatch

GCAP 6-cock derby today

Top foreign bets oust 6 RP netters



Mexicans crush Beijing hopefuls Ilustre-Pascua



Pistons triumph as Billups shines

Familiar faces return to V-League

By Romina E. Acosta

Ogilvy ends Tiger run, rules CA



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OPEN QUALIFYING

Carito, Vinluan ahead

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Tiu misses drag racing record but still reigns

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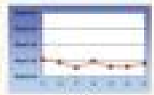
BUSINESS

₱19.2-B cut in BIR, Customs targets eyed

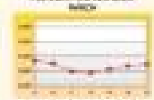


Strong peso, low interest rates to force reduction

THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE IS SET TO SLASH the collection targets of the bureaus of Internal Revenue and of Customs by a combined ₱19.2 billion following complaints that the revenue goals were unrealistic.



STOCK MARKET



Shares mirror Wall St. rally

US raises grains credit to $75M

WTTC REPORT

Local tourism sector seen generating 1.38M jobs this year



Metro Pacific ended losing streak in '07

By Daxim L. Lucas

PhilNaRe profit rose by 121% in '07 to P609M

TBGI broadband venture targets healthcare sector

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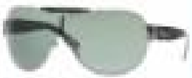
'Work SMART, not hard!'

—J. Gamboa, executive chef of Cibo and Milky Way restaurants

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YouTube videos you shouldn't miss

Here are two vids worth downloading any time

By Pam Pastor

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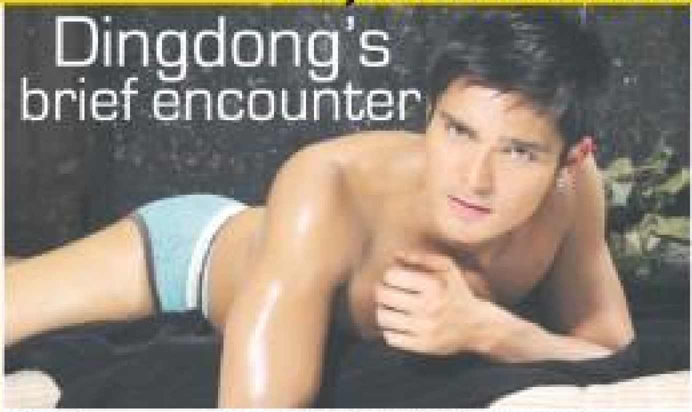
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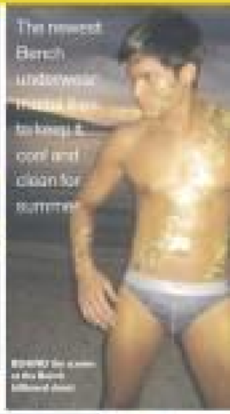
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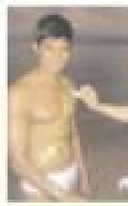
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Dingdong's brief encounter



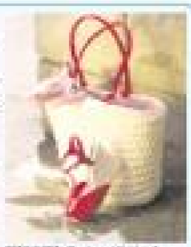




Toes and totes

Have fun in the sun with these shoes and bags

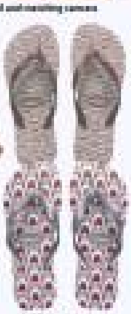
STEP INTO THE SUMMER HEAT IN THIS season's coolest footwear while carrying around your essentials in these fun totes.



















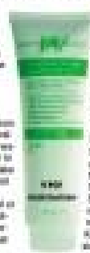
10 shortcuts to sup

Embark on a skin rejuvenation regimen this





1. Pick the right cleanser for your skin type
2. Moisturize, moisturize, moisturize!
3. Wear sunscreen every day, even when it's cloudy outside
4. Remove every trace of makeup before sleeping
5. Avoid the sun from 9 a.m-4 p.m
6. Have a monthly facial
7. Get at least seven hours of sleep daily
8. Have healthy helpings of fish and vegetables
9. Spritz your face with a water spray every few hours
10. Keep your hair away from your face



Good skin guide

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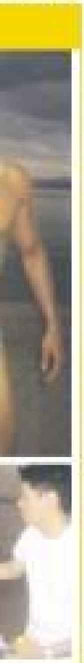


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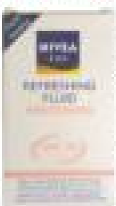
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HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL LIVE!
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Join us at Hong Kong Disneyland
Hold onto your mouse-eared hats because the Park is bursting at the seams with more excitement than ever before. The fun kicks off in March with "High School Musical: Live!" which will have the streets full of the songs and dances from the Disney smash hit. And you can play a starring role in the performance. But the fun doesn't stop there. You'll see many more all-new attractions, so come and join the excitement.
Draw like a pro at the "Animation Academy."
Here's your chance to learn the tricks of the trade from a classic illustrator and unlock some secrets about how to bring the Disney characters to life. Before you know it, you'll easily be drawing your favorite Disney friends such as Mickey Mouse and Winnie the Pooh.
Explore a world of laughter at "it's a small world."
Starting April 27, join a world of laughter with the all-new "it's a small world" attraction and delight in a colorful, vibrant, and playful view of the World. You'll see things through the eyes of a child as you take an imaginative journey through the regions of the world, featuring hundreds of dolls in national costumes, elaborate sets and for the first-time-ever over 40 Disney characters. Like a colorful, three dimensional picture book the "it's a small world" attraction will awaken your creative spirit and leave you smiling as you see a world of childhood fantasy.
Submerse yourself in "Finding Nemo, Turtle Talk with Crush."
From May onwards, visit your easygoing turtle friend, Crush, at the Nemo Submarine. This lovable character will chat with you in real-time from his digital world under the sea. And while he may be 152-years old, this sharp fellow still keeps the jokes coming as he shares his animated stories about life as a turtle and asks what it's like to be a human as well.
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Hot and hip gadgets

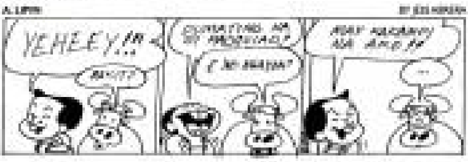


Going for a week without my iPod

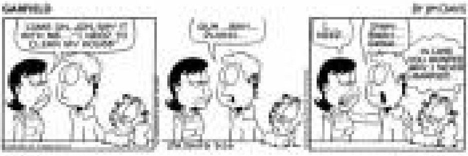
I tried anti-boredom activities—like talking to myself



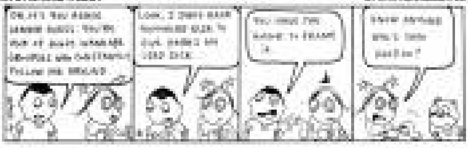


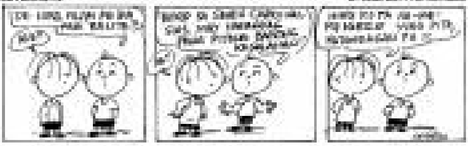








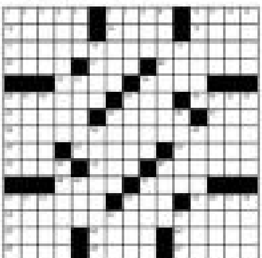


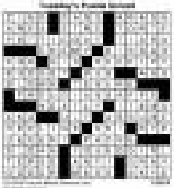






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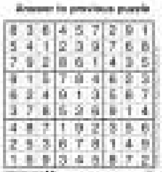
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HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU





SIM PHBC and printed shirts from Celio



BRIGHT, tangy summer colors

For your guy

Cool, comfy, colorful wardrobe updates

By Pam Pastor

Most guys don't like shopping. They just zip in and out of stores.

2bU has done the summer shopping for you. Here are wardrobe updates you will love. They're cool, comfortable, colorful, and they will get you ready for summer.



FEEL like a king in Royal Elastics

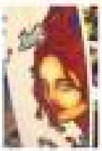


HOT picks from Nike



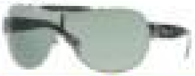
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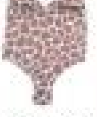
BATHING SUIT, check. Flip flops, check. Suntan lotion, check. Friends to hang out with, check.



RUN, beach girl, run. Wear the Nike+ SportBand with your Nike+ shoes and instantly get a running coach on your jog.



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PRINT PRINCESS. One-piece bathing suit from Banana Republic



HAIR CARE. Bob styling paste and Spike styling wax by Jing Monis, available at Mystic, Greenbelt 3



HUMAN'S Pop Sinzolo collection offers colored denims, here worn by the rock band Sponge Cola



FUN shirts from David and Goliath



THEY'RE sandals, not shoes. Footwear from Sanuk

Chickenjoy: A feast for the senses

For Filipinos, eating food prepared from the best ingredients then expertly seasoned and cooked is an immense pleasure almost akin to spiritual enlightenment. It's an experience that engages the senses in an invigorating way, literally lighting a fire in the belly that brightens one's eyes and big smiles. It's the experience that, for the past 30 years and counting, keeps thousands flocking to Jollibee's more than 600 stores nationwide for a taste of the classic and inimitable Chickenjoy. The popular item from Jollibee's menu is known for leaving an overall feeling that lingers long after the plates have been cleared. Chickenjoy for all its irrefutable commercial appeal, is not just food in Filipinos' eyes. It is a story of great expectation and even greater fulfillment.

It begins with a craving, so strong and nagging that you can almost taste it. Once served, that appetizing aroma reaches the nose and makes the mouth water with delicious anticipation. Sitting down at the table, the heart soars as it greets a familiar yet always exciting delight. The first bite—a sumptuous contrast of crispy golden-brown skin and tender, juicy meat, all steeped in secret spices and seasoning that make even the bones tempting to eat—is one to be savored. After this comes the pleasure of picking off even the tiniest tasty bit of meat and dipping them in rich gravy, inspiring looks of ecstasy that spark envy among those eating something else. Enjoyed amidst the warm chatter of loved ones all sharing the perfect food moment, this feeling of pure satisfaction is experienced by over 1.5 million Jollibee customers every day.

And who better to help the giant food chain make this story come alive than one of Philippine entertainment's most enduring and endearing talents, Aga Muhlach. His latest commercial for Jollibee showcases Chickenjoy's delectable goodness as a blissful experience that is worth anticipating, enjoying and finding utter satisfaction in having. As the commercial ends, the quintessential matinee idol goes back for yet another round of the full Chickenjoy experience, proving how irresistible the country's biggest selling fried chicken is and fully claiming the tag as "pinaka ma, the best pa!" The connection is believable as both Aga and Jollibee are instantly recognizable figures known for bringing delight to Filipinos.

With this winning combination of superior quality, the company's leadership and the support of one of local cinema's most influential luminaries, Chickenjoy was, is, and always will be number one for Filipinos and the standard that all fast-food fried chicken will be measured against. And further proof is in the pudding, or in this case, langhap-sarap fried chicken. Every day Jollibee serves hundreds of thousands of Chickenjoy meals from Aparri to Basilan, and as it expands further, Chickenjoy will continue to reign among the hearts and palates of Filipinos.





Take it from Aga. Amoy-delicious, juicylicious, crispylicious and gravylicious, Chickenjoy is considered the best-tasting fried chicken in the country.











Hot and hip gadgets

Savor the summer break with these toys

FROM PORTABLE DVD players to music players in all shapes and colors, these gadgets will keep you occupied this summer whether you're on a road trip, on the beach or just lazing away the days at home.



Meet more champs

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ENTERTAINMENT



Kris willing to put show biz on hold

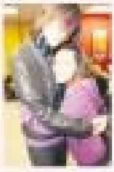


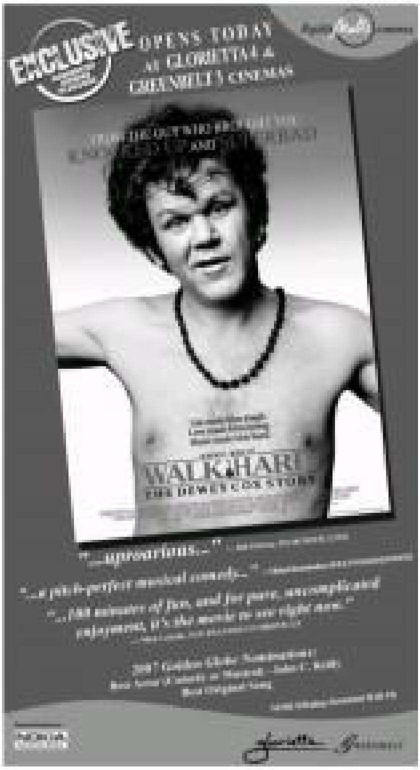
KRIS and mom Cory

Brave front

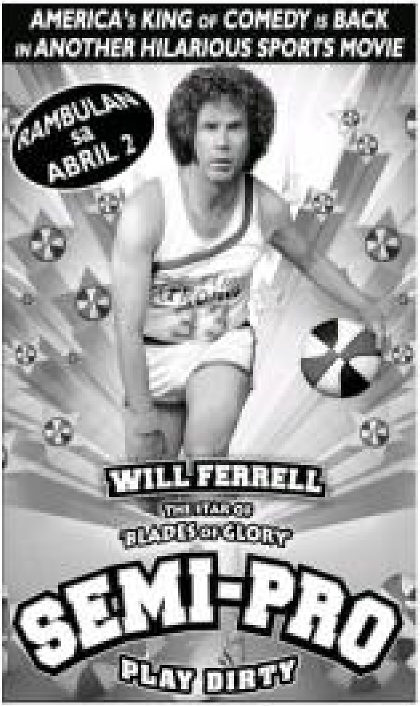
Chemo this week

INSIDE





Rally rock, the latest wave




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it, with a cautionary reminder: [illegible]

Chickoy Pura, the lead singer, still packed the vocal punch that fueled his legendary performance as a punk Mick Jagger—although now he has become a mean lead guitarist as well. His rendition of another original, "Bags," was vintage Clash and Bob Dylan.

Through those two songs, a mod-ish group danced near the stage, waving banners and exhuming what was left of the day's youthful energy.

Earlier, we had walked around the place, asking some of them what they liked about bands performing in rallies. All were convinced that music—especially by the Jerks, Dong's Tribe and others such as the Wuds—helped make political gatherings more interesting and alive.

AT THE CINEMAS

Cinema	Schedule
GLORIETTA 1	1 STEP UP 2 · 2 FOOL'S GOLD · 3 HORTON HEARS A WHO · 4 SUPER PAPALICIOUS
GLORIETTA 4	1 SUPER PAPALICIOUS · 2 OVER HER DEAD BODY · 3 FOOL'S GOLD · 4 WALK HARD: THE DEWEY COX STORY · 5 10,000 B.C. · 6 HORTON HEARS A WHO · 7 STEP UP 2
GREENBELT 1	1 FOOL'S GOLD · 2 HORTON HEARS A WHO
GREENBELT 3	1 FOOL'S GOLD · 2 HORTON HEARS A WHO · 3 MEET THE SPARTANS · 4 WALK HARD: THE DEWEY COX STORY · 5 OVER HER DEAD BODY
ALABANG TOWN CENTER	1 HORTON HEARS A WHO · 2 FOOL'S GOLD · 3 SUPER PAPALICIOUS · 4 STEP UP 2 · 5 OVER HER DEAD BODY
AYALA CENTER CEBU	1 HORTON HEARS A WHO · 2 SUPER PAPALICIOUS · 3 DAN IN REAL LIFE · 4 SLEUTH
MARKET! MARKET!	1 SUPER PAPALICIOUS · 2 OVER HER DEAD BODY · 3 FOOL'S GOLD · 4 10,000 B.C. · 5 HORTON HEARS A WHO
TRINOMA	1 SUPER PAPALICIOUS · 2 MEET THE SPARTANS · 3 OVER HER DEAD BODY · 4 FOOL'S GOLD · 5 10,000 B.C. · 6 STEP UP 2 · 7 HORTON HEARS A WHO

AT THE MALLS

Mall	Event
Glorietta	[illegible] March 22-30, Glorietta Activity Center
Greenbelt	[illegible]
Alabang Town Center	[illegible]
Ayala Center Cebu	[illegible] February 15 to March 16
Market! Market!	[illegible] March 26 & 27, Central Plaza
[illegible]	Repertory Philippines presents ALTAR BOYZ April 4 to 27, 2008
Ayala Museum	[illegible]
TriNoma	[illegible] Anniversary. Be part of the grand celebration! March 27 [illegible]





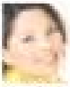
What these celebs might have been



DOLLY WOOD

Dolly Anne Carvajal

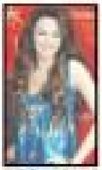






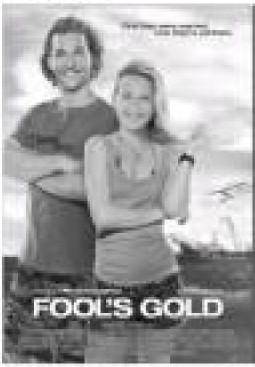






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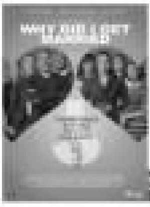
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GALLERIA

1 10,000 BC - THX

2 HORTON

3 OVER HER DEAD BODY

4 SOLSTICE

5 FOOL'S GOLD

6 SUPAHPAPALICIOUS

7 STEP UP 2

8 indieSine: ABADEHA

9 MEET the SPARTANS

10 indieSine: DAYBREAK

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1 OVER HER DEAD BODY

2 FOOL'S GOLD

3 HORTON

4 SOLSTICE

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6 STEP UP 2

7 MEET the SPARTANS

8 MY BIG LOVE

9 10,000 BC

METRO EAST

1 HORTON

2 SUPAHPAPALICIOUS

3 10,000 BC

4 OVER HER DEAD BODY

5 STEP UP 2

6 MEET the SPARTANS

7 FOOL'S GOLD

8 SOLSTICE

NOVALICHES

1 MEET the SPARTANS / 10,000 BC

2 SUPAHPAPALICIOUS

3 FOOL'S GOLD

4 HORTON

PIONEER

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2 HORTON

3 SUPAHPAPALICIOUS

4 OVER HER DEAD BODY

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1 ASSASSINATION of JESSE JAMES

2 HORTON

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4 SUPAHPAPALICIOUS

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1 10,000 BC

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3 DAN in REAL LIFE

4 THE MIST

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1 ASSASSINATION of JESSE JAMES

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1 SUPAHPAPALICIOUS

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3 HORTON

4 FOOL'S GOLD

ANGELES

1 UNTRACEABLE

2 DAN in REAL LIFE

3 HORTON

4 SUPAHPAPALICIOUS

TARLAC

1 THE BUCKET LIST

2 10,000 BC

3 HALF BLOOD SAMURAI

STARMILLS

1 SUPAHPAPALICIOUS

2 MY BIG LOVE

3 UNTRACEABLE

4 THE FLOCK

5 HORTON

6 10,000 BC

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Danny and Ramie show

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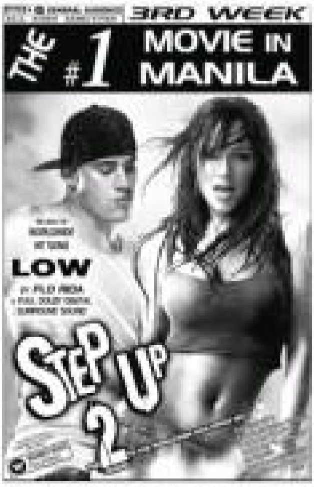
wards as Danny was also close to the Pi-Arc Ballet. "We're the little Charlie's Angels' of the group," Danny said of their interactions "We do the same things. We talk the same way. We all have ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder)."

On a recent performance night, Danny joined Ramie's parents in the audience, all of them in Follow with her phone. He's now official. It's a member of Team Ramie.

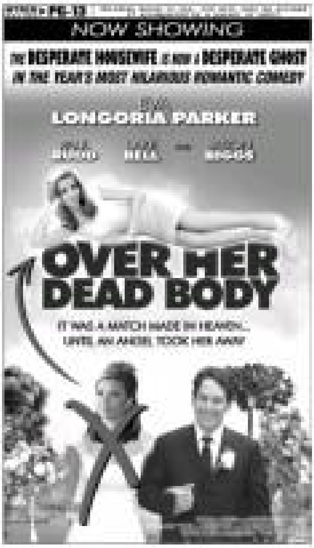
On the show's official website, Ramie admits that the competition is tough on her because it's her first time far away from home. The show is taped from California, and her family is based in Florida.

But she has new friends in the show. In a recent episode, she called Brooke White, "Mama Brooke, and Brooke called the #17 Ramie 'Little One.'"

Ramie also said rocker David Cook was like an older brother to her. "He gives me pep talks."

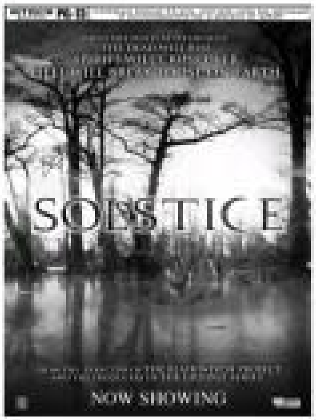


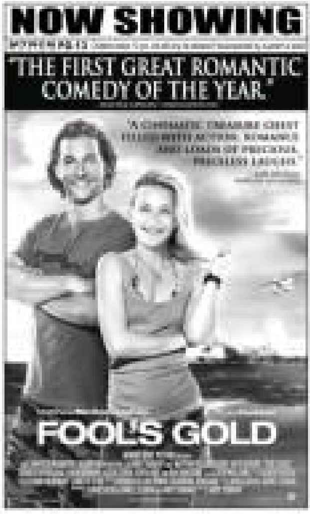




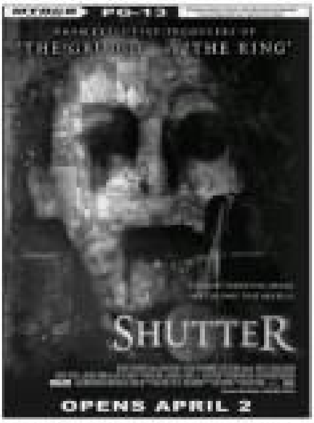










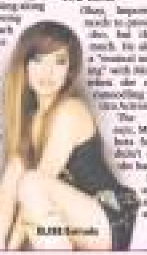






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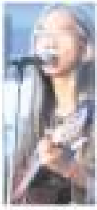
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Rally rock, the latest wave





Blank expression

Danny & Ramie show

Al castoff says he's Pinay's twin

